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For the Benefit of the Orphans of the Italian Convent,

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Hongkong, December 3, 1879.

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Intimations.

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Hongkong, December 2, 1879.

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Hongkong, October 15, 1879.

## Intimations.

**VICTORIA REGATTA.**  
TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING.

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,**  
19TH AND 20TH DECEMBER, 1879.

## FIRST DAY,

Friday, 19th December, 1879.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.—Junior Sculls. For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance \$5. Distance One Mile. Prize, "Broker's Cup." Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race in China and Japan.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Outrigged Boats excluded.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.—The "Chairman's Cup," for Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance One-mile-and-a-half. Entrance \$10.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-War Gigs and Whalers. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars, 8 seconds per Oar.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.—"Senior Sculls," Cup presented by the Parade Community. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$5.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.—For House Boats and Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.—International Race. "Challenge Cup"—presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for Four-Oared Canton Cutters. To be won two consecutive years before being held. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

EIGHTH RACE.—4 P.M.—"Members' Cup," presented by the Victoria Recreation Club—for Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance One-mile-and-a-half. Entrance \$10. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup" excluded.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.—For House Boats and Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race on first day and Outrigged Boats excluded.

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FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-War Cutters. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10. No time allowed for Oars.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.—"Ladies' Purse," for Single Pair Sculling Boats. Round Stake Boats and back to Flag Ship. Entrance \$5. Open to anyone who has never won a Sculling Race in China or Japan previous to this Meeting.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.—"German Cup," open to all Members and Honorary Members of the Victoria Recreation Club, to be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.—Race between Officers of H. M. S. Iron Duke and Officers of H. M. Fleet in harbour. Cup presented by the Members of the Hongkong Club. To be rowed in 5 or 6-oared R.N. Gigs or Whalers. Time allowance, 6 seconds per Oar. Any number of Boats on either side allowed to compete. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

EIGHTH RACE.—4.30 P.M.—"American Cup," open to all Members and Honorary Members of the Victoria Recreation Club, to be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

SAILING RACE.—For all open Boats, Chinese excluded. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE.—For all Yachts. Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per ton. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

L. B. FRIEND, Hon. Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club. Entries will be received by:—MESSRS. E. WODEHOUSE, E. BRAY, W. HYNES, Captain ASHWELL, R. N., Lieutenant J. A. BENNETT, 27th Regt.; or to L. B. FRIEND (Hon. Secretary). Hongkong, November 26, 1879. de20

## LOST.

A PARCEL of MANILA LOTTERY TICKETS ex Emerald from MANILA, November 11th, containing the following Numbers, for the December drawing:

23 Tickets,.....	No. 1,940 @ 1,962
23	2,623 @ 2,645
23	3,768 @ 3,790
23	4,397 @ 4,410
23	5,848 @ 5,870
24	6,196 @ 6,219
24	7,790 @ 7,813
24	8,479 @ 8,502
24	9,081 @ 9,104
24	10,471 @ 10,494
24	11,496 @ 11,519

The Manila Government have been notified of the Loss, and any Prizes which may be drawn on the above Tickets will not be paid.

The Finder will be suitably Rewarded, if necessary, by Returning the package to the Undersigned.

RUSSELL & CO. Hongkong, November 29, 1879.

## LOST.

A SMALL Black and Tan TERRIER answers to the name of "PUNCH." Small white spot on breast.

Reward given if required.

Address: No. 12, Praya East.

Hongkong, November 15, 1879.

## To-day's Advertisements.

**THEATRE ROYAL,**  
**CITY HALL.**

Under the Distinguished Patronage of H. E. J. POPE HENNESSY, G.M.G., GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

**ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.**

**TO-MORROW EVENING,** Dec. 4th, 1879,

**LAST NIGHT OF THE FIRST SUBSCRIPTION SEASON,**

**"Un Ballo in Maschera."**

Between the FIRST and SECOND ACTS, Signor CORTESI and Signor BAGAGIOLI will sing SELECTIONS.

La Calunia,.. { Barbiere, { Signor BAGAGIOLI.  
Matilde and { Signor Chabran, { CORTESI.

**SATURDAY, 6th December,** BENEFIT of Signora ROS. GENOLINI, Bellini's Celebrated Opera "Norma."

**MONDAY, 8th December,** (On account of the Tarantula Ball taking place on TUESDAY, the 9th), BENEFIT of Signor SENSATIA, Gounod's Grand Opera "Faust."

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs KELLY and WALSH's. Hongkong, December 8, 1879. de9

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

**FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.**

The Company's Steamship "ACHILLES," Capt. C. ANDERSON, will be despatched at Noon TO-

MORROW, the 4th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 3, 1879. de4

**SECOND DAY,**

Saturday, 20th December, 1879.

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## THE ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

The smallest audience we have yet seen at these performances assembled at the City Hall last night, when was produced Marchetti's opera "Ruy Blas." Doubtless the exertions at the St. Andrew's Ball on the previous night kept away a large number of regular *habitués*, but we are having so many entertainments just now that it was hardly to be wondered at if a comparatively little known and decidedly unattractive opera like *Ruy Blas* failed to attract the usual crowded house.

With a concert this evening, regular operatic representations on Thursday, Saturday, and every alternate evening next week, and the probable re-appearance of Mr. John Jack and his Comedy Company in the course of a few days, to say nothing of the proposed performances by the Choral Society and the Dramatic Club, and the inaugural concert at the New Temperance Hall—we are likely to have a plethoric winter, so far as popular amusements are concerned. We only hope we may not have too much of a good thing.

The opera of "*Ruy Blas*" as played by the Company now with us, is not an attractive one, and the music of Marchetti's great work is of far too heavy a character to atone adequately for paucity of dramatic incident. Besides, the difficulties of placing on the stage with any degree of correctness, or with any prospect of creating the necessary effects, with the appliances and properties at the disposal of Signor Cagli's Company, were never more clearly shown than in *Ruy Blas*. The scenic attractions were entirely wanting, and the splendid array of courtiers which ought to have surrounded the throne of Spain in the days of Maria were not fairly represented by the gentlemen of the chorus, and the sorry additions provided in the shape of two or three extra "supers."

The cast however was a fairly good one, and if hard work could have achieved success, it would have been legitimately earned by the leading members of the troupe. Signor Bergamaschi especially distinguished himself as *Don Sallustio*, and sang his music with much appreciation, if with something less than his usual power. Constant practice is impairing even this powerful singer's voice, and to overwork alone we attribute his singing out of tune on two or three occasions last night. His acting was splendid, and we wish the other members of the Company would take a leaf out of the Signor's book in remembering that an operatic representation is something more than a mere exhibition of vocal acquirements.

The *Donna Maria* of Signors Genolini, was decidedly the best part (histriologically) we have yet seen this lady perform, although her vocalisation was scarcely up to the mark. In her opening scenes the Signora was frequently out of tune. She however greatly improved as the opera progressed, and her singing with *Ruy Blas* in the last act richly merited the enthusiastic plaudits she received. Signor Sbriscia was a sufficiently interesting *Ruy Blas*, and allowing for a certain throatiness of tone, and the usual mannerisms, sang and acted from first to last with good effect. His voice is certainly sadly in need of a rest, as music which he could have sung with great fluency a week ago, tried his powers severely in *Ruy Blas*.

Signor Mancini as *Gusilda*, and Signor Bagagiolo as *Don Guriano* rendered good service in their respective roles, although both artistes failed to reach their usual standard of excellence. Voices without a spark of freshness left them, acting of the tamest and feeblest description, point conclusively to one thing, exhaustion consequent on overwork. The human voice is not a piece of steel machinery, ready to act at any and all times, and as we are perfectly assured that the artistes forming

Signor Cagli's company are too *passe* to do anything like justice to themselves and the operas underlined for early representation, we would strongly recommend the impresario to give them a week's rest before commencing the second series of subscription performances. Even the choristers sadly want a rest, for their efforts both vocally and dramatically are becoming feebler every night, so much so in fact, that last evening one could only tell when they were singing by seeing their mouths open and close. A chorus quite inaudible in the dress circle is rather a rarity in operatic performances, and to this extent we must credit the gentlemen forming this particular chorus with originality, such as it is.

Although Signors Genolini and Signor Sbriscia were called before the curtain at the termination of the last act, the applause was not so general nor so enthusiastic as has usually been the case; and in several instances the audience showed their marked disapprobation of the unnecessarily long waits between the acts. The performance was not concluded until past midnight.

The programme announced for the concert this evening in aid of the Italian Con-

## NEWS FROM HOME.

By the courtesy of Captain Hogg, of the *Glenorchy*, we are in receipt of an *Overland Mail* of Oct. 24th. It contains very little of immediate importance as to China, but gives of course an excellent summary of home news. Much is said about the Conservative demonstration at Manchester; and the great speech of Lord Salisbury, which seems to have fallen somewhat flat upon expectant ears, is strongly and adversely criticised. The only really satisfactory portion of the speech appears to be the noble lord's hearty thankfulness at the German-Austrian alliance.

Affairs in Afghanistan give much dissatisfaction at home, and the magazine catastrophes at Bala Hissar are looked upon as signs of difficulty and trouble in store. The reported capture of Merv and its contradiction are regarded as a forecast of the future as regards Russia's schemes.

Much discontent is expressed at the inconvenience caused by the present attitude of the Government concerning dissolution.

The song of the Jingoes has been revised for the occasion—

We don't want to dissolve, but, by Jingo, if we do,

We've got the roughs, we've got the bear, and we've got the money too.

The *Overland Mail*, in its summary, says:—"Assuming that the turn in the tide of trade has really come, we must look for an improved value in money. The Bank of France has raised its rate of discount, and speedily there will be an advance by the Bank of England. A rapid improvement in Stock Exchange quotations has been recorded, and before the end of the year we may hope to be in the full swing of prosperity again. City topics are engaging attention.

Prominent among them has been the shipping freight question. Much has been said about the ship-brokers' efforts to maintain the joint interests of certain lines of steamers, to the exclusion, of course, and disadvantage of other concerns."

Mr Gladstone has been in Paris, and he has been there interviewed by the *Gaulois* reporter. After giving his views on various subjects, he concluded by saying that—"He thought the next elections would give England a Liberal Government, and noticed Lord Derby's evolution as a significant symptom. He hoped not to take office again. Lords Hartington and Granville would be amply sufficient as leaders. He should like to go on felling trees, and would not again bear the burden of power unless absolutely called upon by his countrymen."

A description is given of the accident to the *Australia*, and of the aid which led to the fortunate escape of this fine vessel, after her main shaft parted, on 17th, 16 miles N. of Ushant. Assistance was attempted by the Cunard steamer *Trentham Hall*, but little or nothing could be done, and the *Australia* drifted some 50 miles, near to the Guernsey Coast, before H. M. S. *Valorous* and a tug arrived, at daybreak on the 20th. During that night great anxiety was felt, and Lord Napier of Magdala (who was on his way to Gibraltar) was entrusted with the duty of seeing that the ladies were held in readiness to take to the boats at any time during the night. The highest praise is given to Captain Moran and officers of the *Valorous*, and also to the Captain (Jordan) of the *Australia* for their behaviour throughout. The passengers were landed at Plymouth in the *Valorous*, and the *Australia* was towed to Southampton, arriving there on 23rd Oct.

The case of libel arising out of statements published reflecting upon Mrs Langtry, Mrs Cornwallis-West, and Lord Lonsdale, were to be tried at the Old Bailey on 25th Oct.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Oriental Bank Corporation on the 23rd, the profit and loss account showed a net profit on the half-year of £41,784, of which £30,000 was appropriated to the payment of an interim dividend of 10% per share, the balance being carried forward. Having parted with Chinese and New South Wales bonds, the Chairman said the remaining securities of the Bank were English and Indian of the highest possible character. Business had been restricted for prudential reasons, and the object of the Board for the present would be rather to strengthen the position of the Bank than to work for large dividends. Every particular branch was now undergoing thorough scrutiny with a view to economies, some of which were in progress; and the business of the Bank was being looked after as carefully and watchfully as it was possible for the business of any bank to be looked after. Some discussion followed on the excessive expenditure of the Bank's management, and on the provision made for bid and doubtful debts in Ceylon and depreciation in Chinese bonds (£45,000). A vote of thanks to the Directors closed the proceedings.

The half-yearly meeting of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China was held on the 21st Oct., and a net profit was shown of £15,451.3, allowing for an interim dividend for the half year at the rate of 4 per cent per annum. The Chairman thought that the Bank had now fairly turned the corner, as the profit on rupee paper (about £30,000) was not included in the half-year's accounts. The reserve fund and the special reserve fund showed a combined total of nearly £94,000, and the Bank was otherwise in a solid condition. Some doubtful debts having been written off—a forgery in Java, a failure in Madras, and the coffee estates in Ceylon—the shareholders might now congratulate themselves on the belief that they were now entering upon a period of prosperity. A long and animated discussion on the subject of retrenchment took place, in which the Directors' remuneration was proposed to be reduced by nearly one half; and it was intimated that the Board would regard the passing of such a resolution as a vote of want of confidence. An amendment, however, to the effect that no alteration be made in the directors' remuneration, was carried by a large majority, and a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

Mr J. Pender, M.P., presided at the half-yearly meeting of the Eastern Extension Australia and China Telegraph Company, held on 22nd October. He congratulated the shareholders on an increase of £10,337 on the net revenue, as compared with the corresponding half year, and spoke of the duplication of their cables, which had been so very successful and promised to be still more so. The report was unanimously adopted.—At an extraordinary meeting, held to authorise the Directors to carry out the concession from the Spanish Government for connecting Hongkong with Manila, the scheme was approved of by the meeting.

## SUPREME COURT.

"CRIMINAL SESSIONS.  
(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir John Snake.)

## A CHINESE CONSPIRACY; ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD.

## THE \$17,000 CASE.

Wednesday, Dec. 3.

The last case upon the calendar for the present Sessions was called to day. In this, two men, Chun Shun Yee and Tam Yew Tong, were charged on two counts with having on Nov. 2nd and again on the 30th Nov. last year, unlawfully conspired, confederated and agreed with another two men not before the Court, Ho Chul Tin and Chu Fan, to cheat and defraud one Wong Ming Loong of certain moneys. The prosecution was conducted for the Attorney General by Mr. Hayllar, Q.C., instructed by Mr. Brereton, and the accused were defended by Mr. H. L. Denny, appearing as an advocate by permission of the Court, and Mr. Ng Achoy respectively. They pleaded not guilty for their clients.

The following was the jury:—Messrs T. G. Williamson, H. W. Davis, F. A. Grobien, J. Enston Squier, C. P. Chater, P. A. de Costa, and D. Gillies. The name of Mr. E. Vogel was called, and a medical certificate was put in to the effect that he was not fit to serve on a jury to-day.

Mr. Quier applied to be exempted and was told to stand aside, Mr. H. F. Meyerink was told to stand aside. He was then examined as to the ground of his claim to be excused. He pleaded his office and the public inconvenience of his enforced absence therefrom for perhaps two whole days.

The Chief Justice pointed out that this was a plea for total exemption, for the removal of his name from the list of jurors; not a special reason applying only to to-day again.

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ping freight question. Much has been said about the ship-brokers' efforts to maintain the joint interests of certain lines of steamers, to the exclusion, of course, and disadvantage of other concerns."

Mr. Squier: In other colonies we are all exempted, my Lord.

The Chief Justice: That only shows that your case has been considered here and that your claim to be excused on the ground you now put forward has been rejected by the Council.

Were I to admit the validity of your claim I would be doing something which the Council has said should not be done. I am afraid I must compel you to serve.

The hardship will be the greater if you have to serve now, and you can bring

your case before the Council properly when the list comes to be revised, in February.

We ought not to lose the value of your good sense and clear head. It is always injurious when we lose the presence on the jury of such men. If all parties agree to your being excused I can have no objection, or you may be challenged on behalf of the Crown.

Counsel not intervening, Mr. Squier took

his place in the jury box, relieving Mr. Meyerink.

Mr. Hayllar, for the prosecution, in a speech of nearly an hour's duration, opened the case. It was not often, he said, that there was in this Court, in fact it was perhaps not very often, there was in any Court, such a charge as this,—conspiring to defraud, but it was a distinct offence at common law, and it was not at all necessary that anything should be done to carry out the purpose of the conspiracy to constitute the crime; unlawful confederacy was a crime indictable by the law.

He quoted Archibald's Criminal Pleading as to what constitutes conspiracy, and then turned to the facts of the case. The defendant Chun Shun Yee, was a British subject, a Singapore man, carrying on business here up to a short time before October of last year, when his affairs went into liquidation under a clause of the Bankruptcy Act, and he handed over all his property and assets to his creditors by a deed which would be produced. The second defendant was a man represented, rightly or wrongly, to be

carrying on business as a dealer in arms in Queen's Road. They were indicted on two separate counts for conspiring, with two other persons, not in the Colony or at all events not before them now, one Chu Fan and Ho Chul Tin, the latter represented to be and being a petty officer in the employ of the Chinese Government, Recorder of the Banqueting Court. There were two distinct offences alleged, but they were intimately connected and arose out of the same proceeding. Wong Ming Loong, to defraud whom, his case was, had been the object of their conspiracy, was a small military mandarin in the employ of the Government of China, an expectant major. He resided with his family on some ancestral property in or in the immediate neighbourhood of Canton, and did not seem to be a person of very large means. The chief actor in the affair next to the two men before them was the son of this man, a lad who would be the first witness. He was some 10 years of age when these events took place; he was then a scholar or as his father called him a school boy; neither he (the learned Counsel) nor the father put this boy forward as doing any great credit to his schooling or to his family. Chu Fan introduced this young man to Ho Chul Tin, who next to Chun Shun Yee, the first witness, seemed to have been the principal party in the affair. It seems that this young man, Wong Kwok Chun had a brother whose name ten years ago was Wong On, a small officer in the Chinese Army or an expectant officer. He had obtained, when his name was Wong On, a permission to sell his note for £13,600 to him.

Second defendant—the dealer in fire-arms—Tam Yew Tong.

The Injured Parent, the complainant in the case, ex-plantation Major, father of Wong Kwok Chun—Wong Ming Loong.

The Recorder of the Banqueting Court, who was seeking arms at Canton, the drafter of and a witness to the note; now not to be found.—Ho Chul Tin.

The other alleged conspirator, also not to be found,—the man who originally suggested to the boy to secure rank by the presentation of a large quantity of arms to the Government, who brought down the lad here and introduced him to the British subject—Chu Fan.

The aspiring student, who tried to swindle his father, (so the father puts it), the hero of the tale—Wong Kwok Chun.

The witness who signed as a witness both the notes, a general broker, Lower Lasar Row, a creditor of the British merchant; who was to get a bid debt of £1,400 out of the commission of £3,400—Chung Wong Tin.

Wong On,—briefly there's no such person. Ten years ago the bad boy's elder brother bore that name, but gave it up. He says he signed the note with this name because Ho Chul Tin told him it would facilitate matters with the authorities.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd.

man of respectable family whose father was in the Government Service so as to have a "squeeze" on the family or not, at that moment he would, he believed, be able to show them that it gradually took that form.

They came down to Hongkong in October last year and went to stay in a lodging house.

In a day or two the second defendant appeared upon the scene, and some conversation ensued between the three as to the purchase of certain arms.

On the following day Ho Chul Tin introduced Chun Shun Yee, his wealthy Merchant friend, as one capable of lending the money required, that man having in fact just made over the whole of his property to his creditor.

There were present then the first and second defendants, Chu Fan, Ho Chul Tin, Chung Wong Tin, a broker who was a witness to the notes.

Ho Chul Tin proposed that the young man should give a promissory note to Chun Shun Yee for \$17,000.

The first defendant said he could not write Chinese and so Ho Chul Tin drafted the note which Wong Kwok Chun copied and signed Wong On.

(Note read; it simply certified that Wong On had borrowed \$17,000 from Chun Shun Yee to be repaid principal and interest at the end of two months, interest to be at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum.)

Now Wong On was not this boy's name; and if they believed there really was not much in the name business altogether, they would disappear as such, a man does a reckless act to get money anyhow.

The second defendant said he had been used to bring it into the arms of the Chinese Government.

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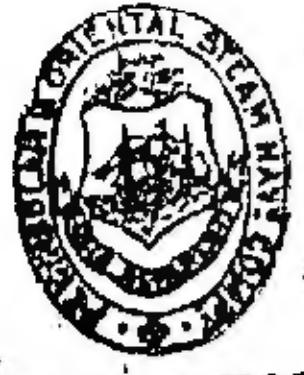
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## THE CHINA MAIL.

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STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,  
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TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-  
AMPTON, AND LONDON;  
VIA BOMBAY.

ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND  
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
TEHERAN, Captain A. H. Johnson, will  
leave this on SATURDAY, the 6th  
December, at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London will  
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-  
ment, arriving one week later by the  
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be  
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at  
Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. MOLVER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, November 24, 1879. del6

MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE,

THE S. S. NIIGATA MARU, Captain  
WALKER, due here on or about the  
6th Dec., will be despatched as above  
on SATURDAY, the 13th Dec., at Day-  
light.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at  
the Office up to 6 p.m. of 12th Dec.

No. Bill of Lading signed under \$2  
Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board  
before delivery is taken, otherwise they  
will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

To KOBE.....Cabin \$60. Steerage \$15.  
,, YOKOHAMA & Do. \$75. Do. \$20.  
NAGASAKI & Do. \$20.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CABIN  
PASSES.

Cargo and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki  
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail  
Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the  
Company's OFFICES, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD  
CENTRAL.

Hongkong, November 29, 1879. del3

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;

ALSO,  
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA  
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 13th December,  
1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S.  
AMAZONE, Commandant LOMBARD,  
with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for  
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on  
the 12th December, 1879. (Parcels are not  
to be sent on board; they must be left at  
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. del13

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF  
PEKING will be despatched for San  
Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNES-  
DAY, the 24th December, at 3 p.m., taking  
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the  
United States, and Europa.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4  
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will be received at the office, until 5 p.m.,  
same day; all Parcel Packages should be  
marked to address in full; value of same  
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland  
Cargo should be sent to the Company's  
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 6, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 20, 1879. del24

Intimations.

Volume Eighth of the  
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—OF THE—

CHINA REVIEW  
CONTAINS—

Comparative Chinese Family Law.  
Faith and His English Translators.  
Brief Sketches from the Life of Kung-  
ming.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary  
Intelligence.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

Hongkong, November 28, 1879.

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YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSO-  
CIATION.

NOTICE.

In accordance with the Articles of Agree-  
ment, the Directors have declared a  
DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for  
the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st Decem-  
ber 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT.  
ON THE NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED,  
payable at our OFFICE on and after the  
15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in  
particulars of their Contributions.  
By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

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SOCIETY.

ESTABLISHED 1797.

FOR FIRE INSURANCE EXCLUSIVELY.

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London Office, 50, Fleet Street.

CAPITAL, £1,100,000.

THE undersigned, having been appointed  
Agents of the above Company at this  
Port, are prepared to issue Policies of In-  
surance against Fire on the usual terms.

BIRLEY & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1879. del19

ORIENTAL HOTEL.

M. J. F. SHUSTER begs to announce  
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the above Establishment, as a FIRST-CLASS  
HOTEL. The House is now being THO-  
ROUGHLY RENOVATED and RE-FURNISHED.  
Mr. SHUSTER hopes by strict attention  
to Business, and by supplying the Best of  
Liquors, to merit a share of Public Patron-  
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THE BOWLING ALLEYS ARE TO BE  
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English and American  
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TIFFIN AT ONE; DINNER AT SEVEN.

WINES AND SPIRITS  
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ORIENTAL HOTEL,  
J. F. SHUSTER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, November 5, 1879. if

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NOTICE TO SHIPBUILDERS.

BRITISH SHIP BELTED WILL,  
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
Vessel are hereby requested to send in  
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
for countersignature, and to take immediate  
delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-  
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
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Hongkong, December 1, 1879. if

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 20, 1879. del24

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Hongkong, November 18, 1879. if

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NOTICE.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN  
SHIPPING.

Agents,

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 5, 1879. See 80

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